



# RACE BY RACE SELECTIONS

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## RACE 1:

**4 A BEAUTIFUL DAY** is dropping to the \$12,500 level after making a 3-wide middle move and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> vs a notch tougher at the \$16,000 level. Trainer Dave Braddy has Miguel Vazquez in the irons. **7 HALFY** is another dropping to this level after breaking awkwardly at the start and finishing 9<sup>th</sup>. Trainer Todd Pletcher adds 2<sup>nd</sup>-time blinkers, and 2<sup>nd</sup>-time Luis Saez.

**2 ALL AMERICAN JEWEL** is debuting locally rallying late to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in 5 of her 7 career races. It can be déjà vu all over again.

**SELECTIONS: 4-7-2**

## RACE 2:

**8 CHASING ARTIE**, 1 of 2 in the field for trainer Wesley Ward, debuts with a series of bullet workouts showing on the dirt at GP West, and the turf at Palm Meadows. Tyler Gaffalione handles the outside draw.

**7 PRISONER** is son of Violence debuting for Todd Pletcher with a steady morning workout pattern showing at Palm Beach Down; Luis Saez rides.

**4 JUST RIGHT MILE** has the previous experience angle on his side after rallying to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in his career debut at this level and distance. Trainer Mike Yates has Miguel Vazquez at the controls. **5 BREAKTHROUGH**, the other from Wesley Ward, is a \$330,00 son of Nyquist debuting with a very similar workout pattern as Chasing Artie showing; Irad Ortiz Jr rides.

**SELECTIONS: 8-7-4-5**

## RACE 3:

**2 PEACE CONTROL** is dropping to this level after stepping up off the claim by Victor Barboza Jr and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> vs \$20,000 '3-lifetime' claimers at the distance. Trainer Barboza, 7 for 16 (44%) with the 2<sup>nd</sup> start after a claim, has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride.

**7 MIZ CHAPLIN** has her claiming tag carved in half after her 2-race win streak ended when she showed speed and faded vs \$16,000 '3-lifetime' foes going 7 furlongs in the slop.

**3 SIZZLING ROMA** was freshened after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – at this level and distance – during early March. Trainer Gilberto Zerpa has Cristian Torres named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 2-7-3**

## RACE 4:

**9 OROSCOPO** is dropping to the \$12,500 level, and stretching out around 2-turns on the turf, hoping both karma changes help spark a wakeup call at a price. Trainer Tom Bush has Angel Rodriguez named to ride.

**8 JEEKER JOE**, now in the Jose D'Angelo barn, the gelding makes his first start since coming within a half length of exiting the maiden ranks – at this level – last August. The barn, 30% with new additions to the shed row, remove the blinkers, and tab Tyler Gaffalione to ride. **5 SEVEN AND SEVEN** is plunging to the \$12,500 level after facing maiden special weight competition, on both turf and dirt, with limited success. Trainer Dale Romans has Luis Saez named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 9-8-5**

## RACE 5:

**1 R BOY BODE** is a 'what you see is what you get' type selection when he breaks from the rail trying to post another front running victory. Trainer Georgina Baxter has Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside post.

**6 KYLE** is debuting on the turf for trainer Carlos David after hitting the board in 2 recent sprints vs similar quality on the main track. The barn 4 for 11 (36%) with the dirt to turf angle, has Miguel Vazquez named to ride. **9 NEW YORK'S FINEST**, an 8-time winner sprinting on the turf, is going back to the grass after failing to fire in a race moved to 5 furlongs on the main track; Luis Saez rides for trainer Luis Ramirez.

**SELECTIONS: 1-6-9**

**RACE 6:**

**6 BARDOT** is turning back to three-quarters of a mile after the solid 6 ½-furlong debut in which she vied for the lead inside and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>. Trainer Todd Pletcher has Luis Saez in the saddle. **5 KOZY DREAMS** is dropping to the \$16,000 level after making a 4-wide bid to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> vs \$25,000 maidens at the distance. Trainer Oscar Gonzalez has Marcos Meneses handling the dropdown. **7 HARMONIC THUNDER** will try sprinting on the dirt with blinkers added after the inconsistent campaign vs similar quality going around 2-turns on the turf. Trainer Saffie Joseph Jr, 30% with the grass to dirt angle, has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride.

**SELECTIONS: 6-5-7****RACE 7:**

**8 ENLISTING** moved to the Victor Barboza Jr barn via the claim after posting back-to-back victories at this level and distance. Trainer Barboza, 56% with new claims, has Cristian Torres in the saddle.

**5 NIGHT WATCH** has her claiming tag sliced in half, and tries the dirt for the first time in 22 races, after facing tougher on the turf throughout her career. Trainer Juan Alvarado, 7 for 22 (32%) with the grass to dirt angle, has Edgard Zayas handling the surface switch. **2 TIZ POSSIBLE DEAR**, 4<sup>th</sup> behind Enlisting 2 starts back, will try to turn the tables after dueling throughout to score at this level and distance last out.

**SELECTIONS: 8-5-2****RACE 8:**

**3 MONTANA MAN** is dropping to the \$50,000 level, and turning back to 7 ½ furlongs, after setting the pace and fading when facing next-out English Channel Stakes winner Gufo in a \$75,000 optional claimer going 9 furlongs. Trainer Bobby Dibona has Emisael Jaramillo named to ride. **12 UNCORK THE BOTTLE**, who was 2<sup>nd</sup> on the turf in the \$60,000 Sage of Monticello in February, is back on the grass after shipping to Turfway Park and failing to handle the synthetic surface in the \$100,000 Rushaway Stakes. Saffie Joseph Jr has Edgard Zayas handling the outside post. **7 LURE HIM IN** is making his first start since rallying late to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in a \$50,000 claimer going a mile during February. Trainer Ralph Nicks has Cristian Torres up.

**SELECTIONS: 3-12-7****RACE 9:**

**2 FRANK FIRST** is dropping into this 2-lifetime claimer, and returning to the main track, after following the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish vs \$40,000 claimers on the dirt with a clunker on the turf. Trainer Ron Spatz has Irad Ortiz Jr handling the surface switch. **4 SMASH** will face conditioned claimers at the distance after following his much-the-best maiden victory at the \$16,000 level with a stalk-and-fade outing vs \$25,000 starter optional claimers. Trainer Juan Alvarado has Edgard named to ride. **3 FLUTE MAKER** is freefalling to the \$25,000 level in the first race since facing Dennis' Moment in the Grade 3 Iroquois at Churchill last September. Trainer Ken McPeck has Tyler Gaffalione handling this intriguing dropdown.

**SELECTIONS: 2-4-3****RACE 10:**

**6 HIDDEN FACTS** is back in the optional claiming ranks after finishing a troubled 4<sup>th</sup> (steadied late) behind classy Girls Know Best in the \$75,000 Captiva Island. Trainer Brian Lynch has Irad atop the daughter of The Factor. **5 LADY GRACE** will try to make it 3 in a row after back-to-back stalk and pounce victories at the distance. Trainer Mark Casse has Tyler Gaffalione named to ride. **1 R HAPPY ENDING** is back on her favorite course (8-3-3-1) after shipping up to Tampa and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>- beaten a length – in the \$82,000 Lightening City. Trainer Georgina Baxter has strong gate rider Emisael Jaramillo handling the inside draw.

**SELECTIONS: 6-5-1****RACE 11:**

**1 OCEAN FIRE** should be primed and ready to score after returning from the layoff to come within a head of defeating maiden special weight runners at the distance. The drop to the \$40,000 adds to the appeal of the Mott/Zayas collaboration. **2 FLORADO** is dropping a notch after rallying to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> – beaten a neck – vs \$50,000 maidens at the distance. Trainer Mike Maker has Irad in the saddle.

**11 SUMMER SHORE** is a daughter of Summer Front (War Front) debuting on the turf for trainer Todd Pletcher with Lasix, and Luis Saez named to ride. The sophomore is working well for the debut.

**BEST BET: RACE 3 – 2 PEACE CONTROL****LONGSHOT: RACE 8 – 3 MONTANA MAN**